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Veronica Saye, right, and Chantelle Gabino are part of a group of 12 bartenders who have joined forces to raise awareness about sexual violence in Toronto's bars. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

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Female bartenders in Toronto have a message: Sexual harassment in the bar scene is too prevalent — and we're here to stop it metroNEWS

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Matt Elliott

A word of advice to our American pals who are worried and scared about what's going to happen after their new president gets sworn in this week: Fight.

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Activism works. I was skeptical about that once, too dismissive of sign-wavers and petition-starters. But during my time covering Toronto, I have seen the value of people speaking truth to power again and again. *Continued on page 11*

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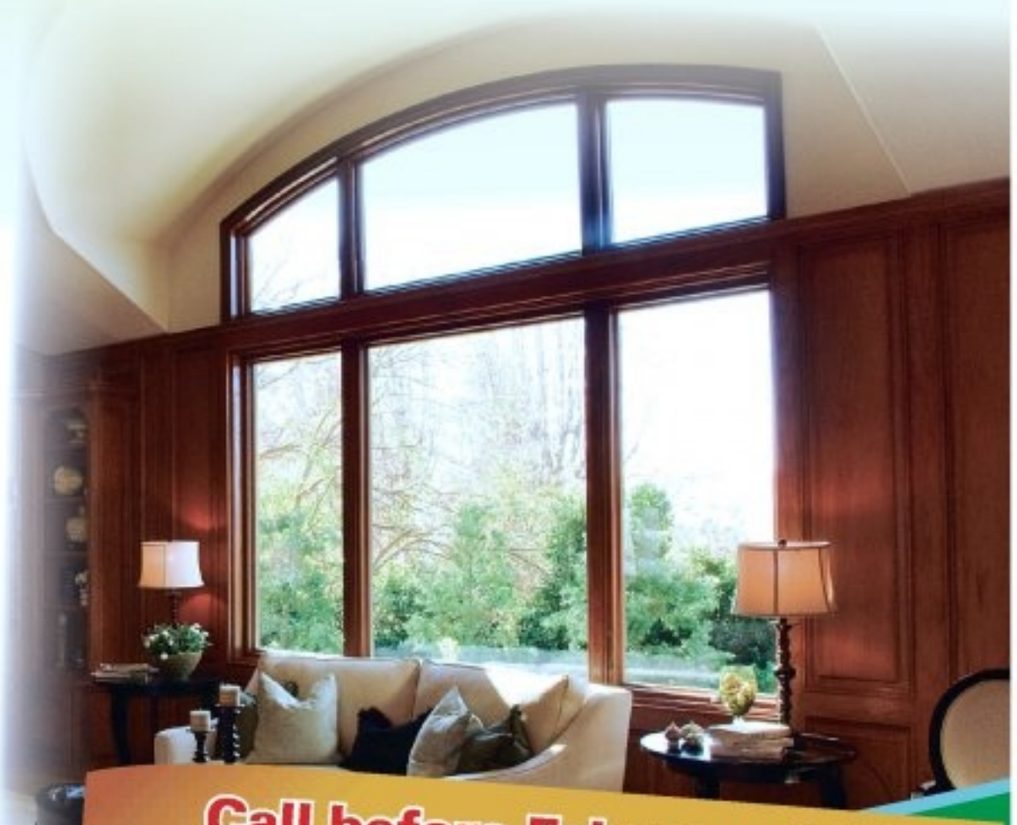

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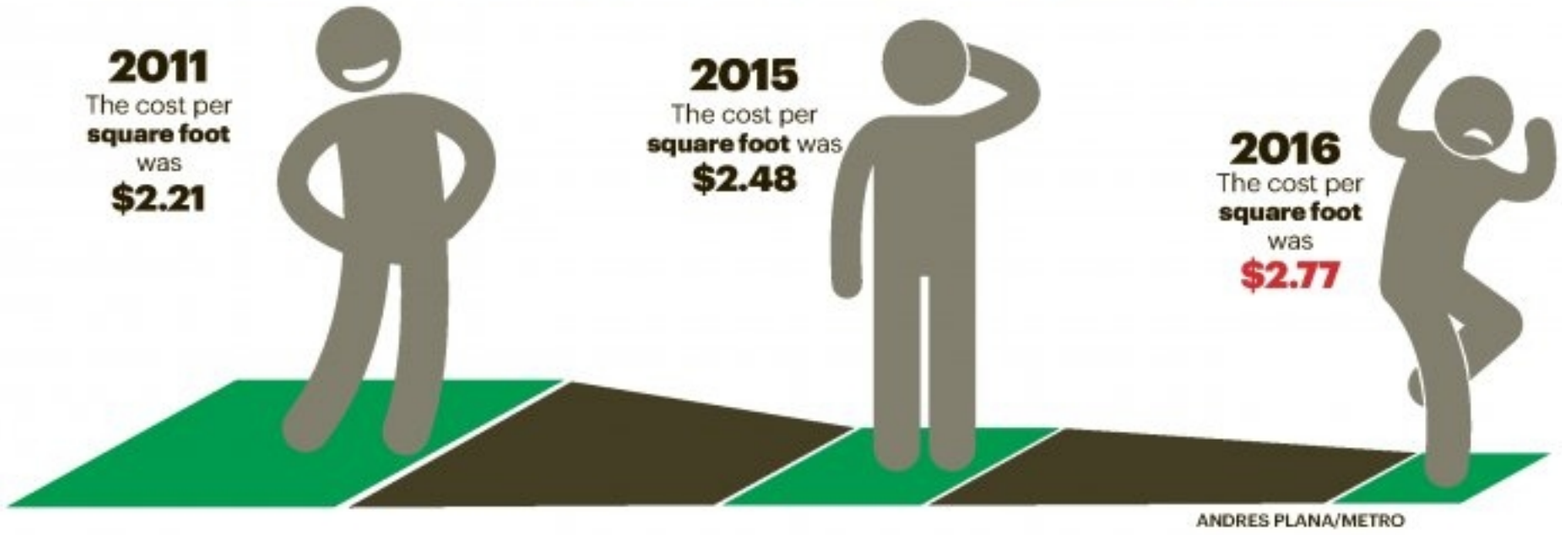
Canadian embassy in D.C. to serve up national cuisine for Trump's inauguration. **World**

The incredible shrinking condo

Not only are renters across the GTA paying more each month, they're getting a lot less space. This is how much people are shelling out based on average square footage costs provided by Urbanation.



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May Warren
Metro | Toronto

Toronto is officially more unaffordable than ever if you're looking to rent a condo.

Average condo rents jumped about 12 per cent at the end of 2016 (to about $2,000), compared to the same period the previous year, according to new numbers from real estate market research firm Urbanation.

"This is not only the highest rate that we've recorded, but also it's a pretty significant acceleration from what the market has become used to," said Shaun Hildebrand, the company's senior vice-president.

Toronto's sky-high prices are "still a far cry from Manhattan or London, but they are approaching places like Brooklyn and are far higher than cities like Chicago," said Richard Florida, director of cities at the Martin Prosperity Institute.

> **If people keep flooding into Toronto from around Canada and across the globe, demand for space ... will continue to grow.**
> Richard Florida

"People keep saying it's a bubble that will pop and maybe it will. But if people keep flooding into Toronto from around Canada and across the globe, demand for space in and around downtown Toronto will continue to grow," he added.

Paul Kershaw, a UBC professor who has studied the issue in Vancouver, said he sees similar trends in both "hot spots" with soaring real estate prices "going hand in hand with dramatic increases in the rent."

Kershaw, founder of Generation Squeeze, which advocates for young Canadians, promotes solutions such as changing residential zoning laws to allow for more density, taxing homeowners more and even giving younger people tax breaks to help with rent or mortgage payments.

Otherwise, he says, we risk "pricing out" an entire generation.

"We could say a new demographic needs a new kind of help," he said.

DEVELOPMENT

Proposed tower brings skyline to new heights

Mississauga's skyline will climb higher and take on another distinctive shape when the first of 10 proposed towers in the Rogers M City development rises at the corner of Burnhamthorpe Road and Confederation Parkway.

The flagship M City building will stand 60 storeys, making it the tallest in Mississauga, and feature an undulating design that bookends the 50- and 56-storeys in the curvy Absolute towers to the east.

"It was our intention to do something truly iconic to frame the downtown. We think this building really does achieve that," said Mark Reeve, a partner in Urban Capital Developments, the company working with Rogers Real Estate Developments to build M City."The design is quite unique. We thought it was a wonderful response to how popular the design of Absolute towers was," he said.

CORE Architects was selected from among three Toronto firms for its rectangular floor plate design that is visually arresting but maintains conventional, efficient floor plans. The design is intended to be "iconic yet simple — something that would last the test of time," said CORE Architects' Babak Eslahjou.

"We wanted to have an undulating movement in the tower that rose up towards the sky and faded away in the clouds. We have seven different floor plates that rotate one way and then the other. It gives you the impression that it's just rising up. That's the reason we don't have a hat if you will (on the building). It just kind of ends on its own. It helps your eye just go up and down," he said.

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Phase One of M City in Mississauga will be the tallest tower on the west Toronto region skyline. COURTESY BRICK VISUALS

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Completing the puzzle

TRANSPORTATION

Study looks at near misses in bike lanes on Bloor

May Warren
Metro | Toronto

When the city evaluates the Bloor bike lane pilot this fall, they'll be able to look not just at accidents but another crucial piece of the road safety puzzle.

Researchers at University of Toronto have partnered with Kitchener-based traffic analytics company Miovision to analyze video footage of "near misses" before and after the bike lanes were installed to get a more complete picture of what's happening.

When you assess safety based on accidents alone, you're not getting the full picture, said Matthew Roorda, a professor in civil engineering at the university's Transportation Research Institute.

"There's just not that many of them" to help pinpoint problem areas, he said.

Miovision provided video footage and has the software to make analysis easier, said CEO Kurtis McBride.

There's data on potentially dangerous situations — ranging from cars passing too closely to bikes, to pedestrians jumping out in front of cyclists — from different locations all through the bike lanes, he added, making for a "much better statistical sample" than just looking at accidents.

The project looks at whether bike lanes have improved the safety of the street as well as if they have created any unintended danger zones.

Graduate student Nancy Hui said results will be shared with the city to contribute to the discussion on how to move forward with the pilot.

The project relates to a complete streets philosophy, which advocates for streets to be designed to be safe for all users not just drivers.

As a Torontonian who walks, takes public transit and sometimes drives, the research hits home for Hui.

"I really do feel that a street should be safe no matter what mode you choose," she said.

Matthew Roorda and Nancy Hui hope their research looking at near misses, not just crashes, will help the city evaluate the success of the Bloor Street bike lanes pilot. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

OPENING

Bike lanes along a 2.6-kilometre stretch of Bloor West between Shaw and Avenue opened in August after years of planning and debate.

POLICE

Ontario names veteran officer first female sergeant-at-arms

Ontario's new sergeant-at-arms is the first woman to hold the position in the province's history.

Veteran police officer Jackie Gordon, who spent 34 years with the Halton force — the last 12 as an inspector — told reporters Monday she will first spend some time listening and learning, meeting with staff to "talk about their roles and responsibilities, and then I'll begin to ask questions, and I hope that those questions will help identify and lead to some priorities. And then from there, we'll establish funding and figure out what we can and can't do."

Gordon, who also worked for two years with the Ministry of Education in building and fire codes compliance, feels she's spent her professional life preparing for her new job — which also includes heading the precinct properties branch that operates and maintains the legislative building.

She is the province's 10th sergeant-at-arms, and didn't want to dwell on the fact that she is the only female since Confederation to hold the post.

Gordon replaces Dennis Clark, who held the post for 19 years and in 2015 earned $171,119. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Jackie Gordon spent 34 years as an officer in the Halton region. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Toronto digest

Medical officer seeks $300k to fight drug overdoses

The city's acting medical officer of health is requesting $300,000 in additional funds this year to tackle the growing number of drug overdoses.

Provincial funding would cover 75 per cent of the total cost, requiring the city to pitch in $74,000. Still, the late request will add further pressure on council, which is currently trying to close a $91 million budget gap in the 2017 budget.

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Housing corporation to board up subsidized units in need of repairs

Toronto Community Housing is on track to board up one unit per day in 2018 if more funding for repairs can't be secured, the head of the social housing corporation told Torstar News Service. An estimated 425 units are set to close in 2017, pushing the total of boarded-up subsidized units to nearly 1,000 with more than 177,000 people on the waitlist.

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U of T teaches lost language

A language that hasn't been spoken for more than 1,000 years is being taught this semester at the University of Toronto.

The ancient Ethiopic language of Ge'ez is written in a script that's read left to right and has 26 letters. Letters have variations for the vowels that go with them, meaning students have to learn 26 characters in seven different ways.

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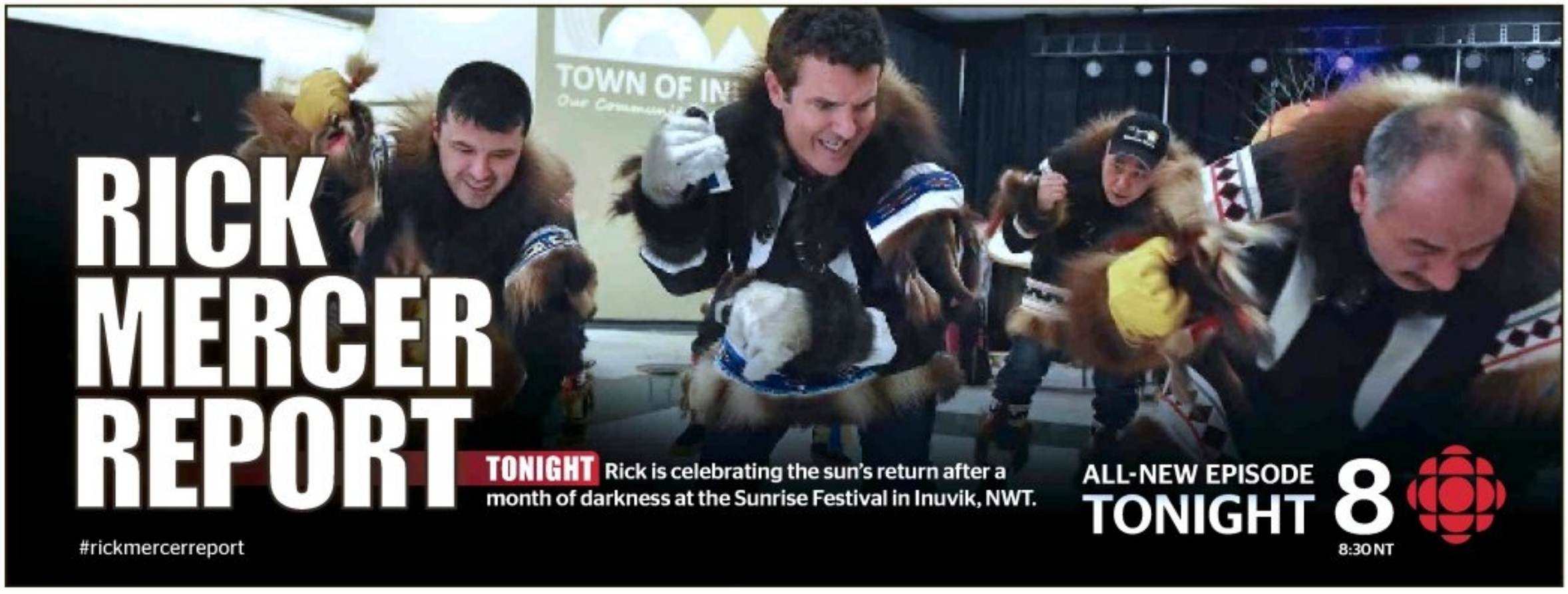
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A bed for one night

YORK REGION

Homeowners asked to offer homeless teens place to sleep

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

A new initiative is enlisting the help of everyone with a home to address youth homelessness.

Residents in York region will be matched up with at-risk homeless teens on a night-to-night basis through a soon-to-be launched project called Nightstop.

"Right now we are not meeting the need that is out there," said program co-ordinator Jacquie Hermans.

"On any given night there is an average of 300 youth with nowhere to sleep. That's just unacceptable."

York region has nine municipalities with only three youth shelters and all of them operate at capacity, Hermans said. That leaves homeless youth in desperate situations, where they survive by couch surfing or simply living on the streets.

We can do better than just building more shelters.
Jacquie Hermans

Nightstop project is part of 360 Kids, an organization offering care services to kids and youth in crisis.

It's currently recruiting families that have spare bedrooms and are interested in becoming volunteer hosts.

The process involves carefully assessing the young people's backgrounds to make sure they present no risk to potential hosts.

The same vetting process applies to families as well, with interviews and home visits planned before matches are made.

"Our main goal here is to ensure the safety of both the host and the young people we're trying to help," said Hermans, noting youth assessed as anything other than low risk are directed to other programs at 360 Kids.

The program plans to start with at least 15 matchups by next month with the hope of expanding to other parts of the GTA in the future.

"The great thing about this project is that it engages the community in bringing a solution to the crisis," Hermans said.

"With Nightstop, there's even the possibility of creating long-term relationship and mentorship."

PAROLE

Accused mob boss can appeal decision

Accused Mississauga mob boss Vincenzo (Jimmy) DeMaria has won a bid to regain parole.

The federal court ruled on Monday that DeMaria, 62, was unfairly treated by the Parole Board when it denied his request to postpone a parole review and, instead, proceeded to make a decision without his full submissions.

"In these circumstances, the Board's refusal to hold an oral hearing resulted in a breach of procedural fairness," the federal court ruled on Monday.

The decision gives him a chance to appeal a decision that yanked his parole in mid-November 2013.

Jimmy DeMaria
CONTRIBUTED

DeMaria had been on life-time parole after being convicted of second-degree murder for fatally shooting a man who owed him a $2,000 drug debt in 1981.

He operated a west-end Toronto financial services company and bakery/deli.

At the time of his arrest by the Provincial Repeat Offender Parole Enforcement Unit, he was accused of violating his release conditions by consorting with Mafia figures.

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IN BRIEF

MacKay pops up at city hall
Peter MacKay can add Toronto charity advocate to his resumé. MacKay, a front-runner to replace Stephen Harper as Progressive Conservative party leader until last September, made a surprise appearance at Toronto city hall Monday. The longtime Nova Scotia MP was part of a delegation asking a committee for access to below-market-rent city space offered to charities and community groups. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Serving notice along with drinks

METRO FOCUS ON ACTIVISM!

Bartenders won't tolerate harassment

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Female bartenders in Toronto are raising their voices to send a powerful message: There is a problem at establishments across the city and it needs to be addressed.

Whether it's between patrons, servers or staff members, sexual harassment is way too "prevalent" in the bar scene, said Veronica Saye, a 12-year veteran behind the rail.

"With alcohol, things tend to be a little quirky," she said. "We want to be part of the solution and make sure that any form of verbal or physical sexual abuse never happens again."

She was one of a dozen women who took over Parts & Labour on Monday for the inaugural BASH (Bartenders Against Sexual Harassment) event. While they served plenty of drinks (many their own concoctions), the evening was to address the need for staff training on sexual assault.

The issue has been in the spotlight for several weeks after allegations a woman was confined and sexually assaulted in a Little Italy bar on Dec. 15. Two men have been charged.

Coun. Kristyn Wong-Tam is pushing for rules requiring that everyone who works in a Toronto bar be trained to spot and intervene in cases of sexual violence. The province is working on similar legislation.

Organizers of Monday's event are launching an ongoing education campaign that focuses on prevention.

FUNDRAISING

Event also raised money for sexual assault victims
BASH also served as a fundraiser for the Sexual Assault Action Coalition, a survivors-run organization working to restore justice, respect and dignity for people affected by sexual violence.

Chantelle Gabino, left, and Veronica Saye are part of a group of 12 bartenders who have joined forces to raise awareness about sexual violence in Toronto's bars. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

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Trudeau trip to be probed

ETHICS

Watchdog to investigate use of Aga Khan's helicopter

Justin Trudeau and Aga Khan in May 2016. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada's ethics watchdog plans to take a closer look at Justin Trudeau's recent family holiday at the Aga Khan's private island in the Bahamas, fanning the flames of a controversy the government has so far been unable to snuff out.

Trudeau's holiday with the Aga Khan — a family friend, noted philanthropist and hereditary spiritual leader to the world's approximately 15 million Ismaili Muslims — bears closer scrutiny, ethics commissioner Mary Dawson confirmed Monday.

In a letter to Blaine Calkins, one of two Conservative MPs who filed formal complaints, Dawson said she will examine both Trudeau's stay at the island and his use of the Aga Khan's private helicopter to get there.

Dawson wrote that she has "commenced an investigation" to determine if Trudeau broke two sections of federal ethics laws "in connection with his recent stay at and travel to the Aga Khan's privately owned island."

The vacation included Trudeau, his wife and three kids, Liberal MP Seamus O'Regan and Liberal party president Anna Gainey, all of whom took part in helicopter flights between the capital city of Nassau and the secluded island.

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Police guard the entrance of the Blue Parrot nightclub in Playa del Carmen, Mexico.
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MEXICO

Canadians killed in shooting

Two Canadians were among at least five people killed Monday in a shooting attack at an electronic music festival in Mexico's Caribbean coast resort of Playa del Carmen, Mexican authorities said.

And Canadian government officials added that at least two other Canadians were wounded in the deadly incident at a popular night club.

The attorney general of Quintana Roo state said three of the dead appear were part of the security detail at the 10-day BPM electronic music festival.

Miguel Angel Pech said the shooting occurred about 2:30 a.m. at the Blue Parrot nightclub, one of the BPM Festival's venues in Playa del Carmen, just south of Cancun.

Pech said a lone gunman apparently tried to enter the nightclub, but was denied access because he had a gun.

The gunman began to exchange fire with another person inside, he said, and festival security personnel tried to stop the shooting and came under fire.

Pech said it was not a terrorist attack and that three people had been detained nearby, but it was unclear if they had been involved in the shooting.

"We know of another shooting incident that occurred near the nightclub, but we are investigating whether that is related" to the nightclub shootings," Pech said.

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IN BRIEF

Home sales rebound

Home sales are not going to be as big of a boost to the Canadian economy this year as they were in 2016, the Canadian Real Estate Association said Monday as it released its latest batch of figures.

The real estate association says home sales were up 2.2 per cent in December from the previous month, rebounding partially from a big drop following the introduction of new mortgage rules.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Family finds pills in tub of ice cream

Niagara regional police are advising residents to be alert after discovering Advil capsules in a container of ice cream.

They say a resident opened a sealed container of Iceberg French Vanilla ice cream and began serving it to family members before discovering about eight pills in the container.

No one ingested the pills found inside the ice cream. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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How does your mayor rank?

Ottawa's Jim Watson is Canada's most popular mayor when stacked up against the mayors of 10 major Canadian cities, according to a new Mainstreet/Postmedia poll. Here's how Toronto Mayor John Tory measures against his counterparts in five other cities.

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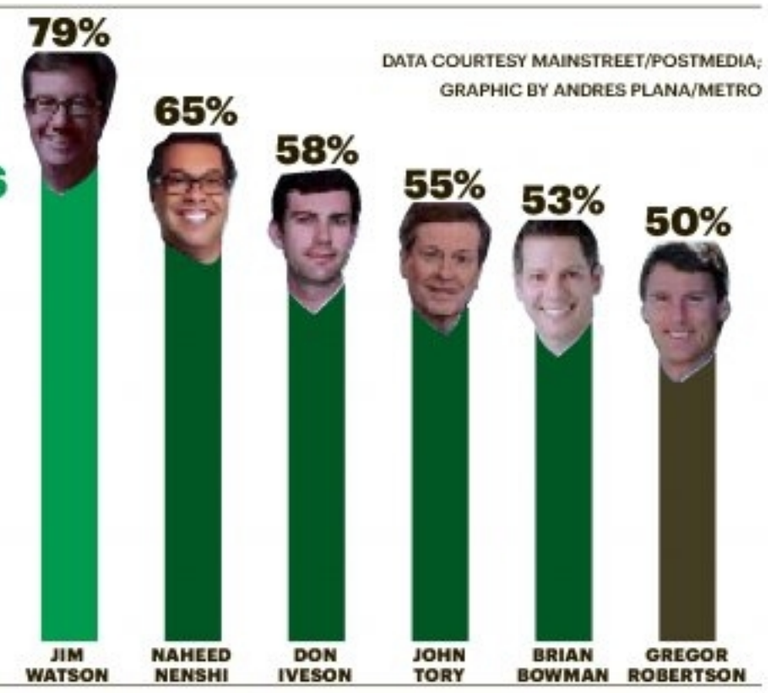

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Poutine, politics at Trump tailgate

INAUGURATION

Canada's party at its embassy a hot ticket for U.S. bigwigs

No, Donald, not Putin. Poutine.

Canada's embassy in Washington, D.C., is celebrating Donald Trump's Friday inauguration with an invitation-only "tailgate" party featuring delectable Canadian cuisine — "including but not limited to poutine, British Columbia salmon, Canadian beef and tourtière," embassy spokeswoman Christine Constantin said in an email.

There might be tasty surprises. The 2013 party for Barack Obama's second inauguration involved Tim Hortons coffee, Molson beer, Crown Royal whisky and BeaverTails.

The embassy shindig is always one of the most sought-after tickets of America's celebration of democracy. Partly because Americans like Canadians, sure, but mostly because of its unsurpassed view of the parade route. The Arthur Erickson building on Pennsylvania Avenue is the only embassy located between the White House and the Capitol.

The party has been held since Bill Clinton's inauguration in 1993, though it hasn't always been a "tailgate." Canadian diplomats this time expect 1,800 guests, including big shots in politics, diplomacy and business. Newt Gingrich, a prominent Trump ally and the former speaker of the House of Representatives, has shown up for three inaugurations in a row.

Most of the guests will hang out in the embassy courtyard and indoor Canada Room and theatre, watching Trump's swearing-in and inaugural address on television screens. The elite among the elite will get to have brunch with Ambassador David MacNaughton on the 6th floor, which offers majestic views of the Capitol.

Like most of official Washington's social events, this one serves a political purpose. Canada's schmoozing with U.S. power brokers may be especially critical at a time when the incoming president is vowing to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement, impose new import taxes, pursue "Buy American, Hire American" economic policy and change the U.S. relationship with its military allies.

"Hosting an event at our embassy gives Canada an excellent opportunity to welcome important guests, further build on our relationships and continue to advance Canada's interests in the United States," Constantin said.

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BOYS & BANDS

Military bands, Boy Scouts to join parade

Military bands and units from all branches of the service, high school bands and even the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts will join newly sworn-in President Donald Trump in Friday's Inaugural parade.

More than 8,000 people are expected to follow the new president as he proceeds from the swearing-in ceremony on at the Capitol to the White House.

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The view of the U.S. Capitol from the Canadian Embassy in Washington on Jan. 20, 2009 — the day Barack Obama took the Oath of Office to become president. AARON HARRIS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Istanbul massacre suspect captured

TERRORISM

Canadian among the 39 killed in the attack

A gunman suspected of killing 39 people including a Canadian woman during a New Year's attack on an Istanbul nightclub has been caught in a police operation, Turkish media reports said early Tuesday.

The suspect was captured in a special operations police raid on a house in Istanbul's Esenyurt district, private NTV television reported. The broadcaster said he had been staying in the house belonging to a friend from Kyrgyzstan.

Daesh has claimed responsibility for the nightclub massacre, saying the attack in the first hours of Jan. 1 was in reprisal for Turkish military operations in northern Syria. The man identified as the suspect had been on the run since the attack.

Hurriyet newspaper and other media have identified the gunman as Abdulkadir Masharipov, an Uzbekistan national. The suspect was to undergo medical checks before being taken to police headquarters for questioning, the paper said in its online edition.

Dogan news agency published what it said was the first image of the attacker. It showed a bruised, black-haired man in a grey, bloodied shirt being held by his neck. Private NTV television said the gunman had resisted arrest.

NTV reported that the suspect's Kyrgyz friend and three other people also were detained. His four-year-old child, who was with him at the home, was taken into protective custody.

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The Reina club attack suspect after being caught by Turkish police in Istanbul on Monday. DEPO PHOTOS VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Drone company sued for allegedly fake ad

Colin McNeil
Metro | Toronto

If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

That old adage is front-and-centre in Silicon Valley this week after the company behind a high-tech robot drone collapsed, leaving customers without the flying gizmo they were promised.

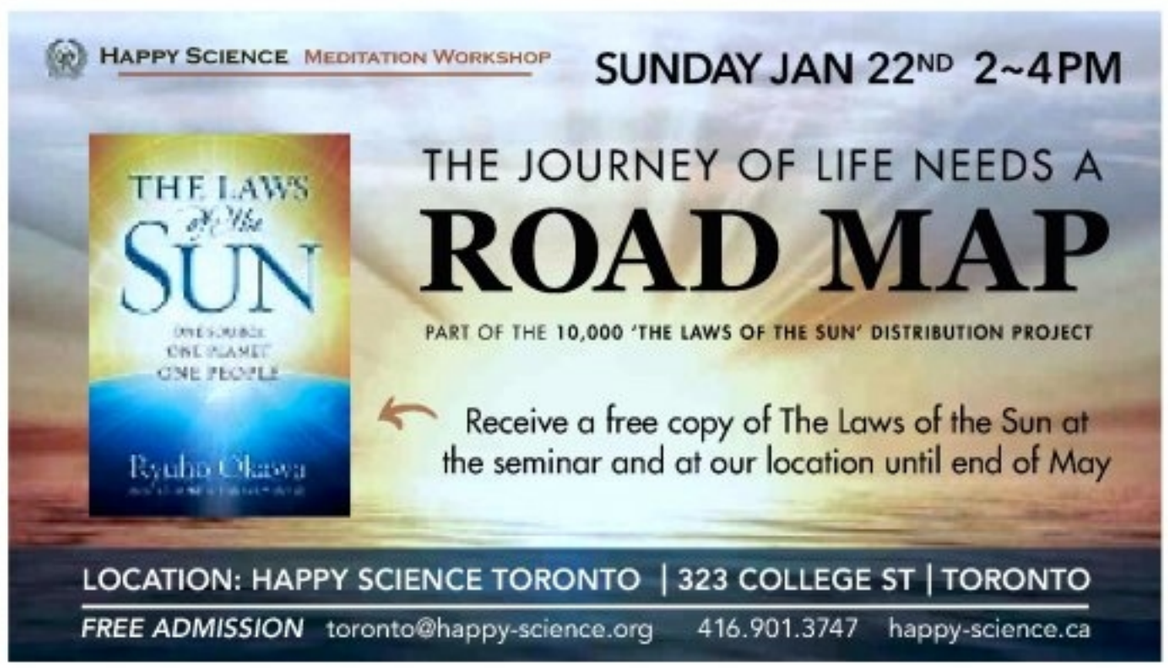
Startup Lily Robotics claimed their tiny black drone could fly unaided and follow you around — for a maximum of 20 minutes — whether you were out for a casual stroll or snowboarding down a mountain.

A promotional video showed the Lily tracking users through snow, wind and water, coming to a rest on their hand when finished, seemingly by magic. An impressive demonstration, except that it was — allegedly — totally fake.

ECONOMY

IMF projects strong growth

The International Monetary Fund is raising its forecast for the U.S. economy this year and in 2018, reflecting an expected boost from the economic policies of President-elect Donald Trump. The IMF report said Canada is headed for stronger economic growth in 2017 and 2018 than last year and also increased 2017 growth projections for a number of other countries. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS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ALL WEEK: COMMENTARY AND IDEAS ON POLITICAL ACTION

VICKY MOCHAMA
ON PROGRESSIVES LOSING THEIR OWN GAME

Direct action is not an exclusively left phenomenon. In fact, it was activism, in various forms, that won the U.S. election for Donald Trump.

With the publicity of activist movements like Idle No More, Black Lives Matter and Occupy Wall Street, it's easy to say that activism failed to win the American election.

In fact, activism elected Donald Trump. Activism, too, will be necessary in the next few years.

After the election of Barack Obama, two ongoing phenomena strengthened in volume and vigour.

First, there was the Republican strategy of engineering the boundaries of electoral districts to its own advantage. Having won governorships and legislatures in key states like Pennsylvania and Michigan after redistricting campaigns, the GOP began winning at the national level where Democrats had usually won or traditionally had a fighting chance.

With millions of dollars in funding, such efforts changed the electoral map. In politics, malfeasance is the name of the game. Done artfully, it's strategy.

This was at time when resistance to the ideas that elected Barack Obama began to coalesce online. In spaces once devoted to gaming and picking up women, men (and some women) shared their frustrations with being alienated by the gains of feminism and identity politics. Thus, they organized.

These activist streams found common cause across the Obama years on issues like abortion, and equal marriage. In Trump, however, the net effect: a society that has more readily accepted the racist, sexist and xenophobic politicians who now enjoy broad governing power across the federal branches and in almost two-thirds of states.

GOOD FOR GOOSE, GOOD FOR GANDER President-elect Donald Trump raises his fist, a gesture that since ancient times has signified resistance, at a rally in Alabama in December. GETTY

Clearly this amounts to a virulent and intolerant brand of activism. And it has radically altered politics.

And yet, in the aftermath of the election, left-leaning people have been told to dilute their messaging. Focus on people's economic anxiety. Get out of your bubble. Stop talking about race.

It's very liberal to dull the edges of one's harshest criticisms. It is a crazy-making proposition. The solution shouldn't be to back off. The left needs to become louder and more forceful in its criticism and its co-ordination.

There are a breadth of activist groups, from the water defenders of Standing Rock to the organizers of Black Lives Matter, advancing a cultural conversation around human rights. The liberal majority that voted for Hillary Clinton is ready and willing to be mobilized.

Within this broad coalition, however, lies the problem of going high when others go low.

After a firebombing at a local North Carolina GOP office in October, liberals crowd-funded in sympathy. Mind you, this is a party that was already in power and had passed some of the country's most restrictive voter-ID laws such that large numbers of black voters were disenfranchised. After all that do-gooding, Trump won the state. In this way, the focus on winning over hearts and minds was divorced from political pragmatism.

The Canadian political equivalent is, in our fashion, much more laughable. Members of the left-of-centre parties — Green, NDP, Liberal — have been enrolling in the Conservative party in order to ensure Kellie Leitch won't win the leadership race. Again, rather than doing any number of activities to bolster the liberal cause, voters on the left are handing their money to the literal opposition. (At a cost of $15 for a year, that's three elitist lattes they could be sipping on.)

The fight for human rights, against oppression and towards equality isn't easy and it never ends. And, right now, the forces on the other side are showing, by their willingness to organize and act collectively, that they simply want it more.

Whether he's a tyrant or simply a toddler, millions of lives and livelihoods are at the mercy of Trump's whims. Protecting them — and one another — will require activism with clarity and courage.

DAILY ACTIVIST AFFIRMATION Heed Joe Hill!

"As 2017 kicks off, labour organizer and singer Joe Hill's century-old words as he faced a Utah firing squad ("Don't waste any time in mourning. Organize!") have taken on a renewed meaning. In the face of what can seem like overwhelming odds, time and time again, people have shown that successful organizing against injustice, building power through building and strengthening organizations and community depends on lots of vital but unseen everyday 'grunt work.'"

- Prof. Aziz Choudry, author of Learning Activism

Pick battles wisely, accept setbacks, change the world

TORY'S TORONTO
Matt Elliott

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I think often about Anika Tabovaradan, who stepped up to a microphone in front of then-mayor Rob Ford in 2011. It was just about 2 a.m. at city hall, mid-way through what would be an all-night public consultation on the city's finances.

"I'm not a director, I'm no president — I'm just a 14-year-old from Scarborough," she said, before launching into a sobbing and defiant defence of her local library branch. Ford's obsession with budget-cutting had put a slew of branches on the chopping block. Anika wasn't standing for it.

"I'm no taxpayer, but when I use those computers in the library and do my homework, I'll be able to get a good job someday, get some good education, so when the day comes to pay taxes I'll be glad the people years before paid extra taxes to keep the system going," she said.

The room broke into wild applause. The media wrote about her. Her library branch wasn't closed.

Anika's small, brave act of political activism worked.

Her story was just one of the many stories of successful activism during the tumultuous Ford years, where virtually every move made by the mayor was opposed by a grassroots effort.

It happened with transit, with waterfront development, with casinos, airports, and homeless shelters. And the activist efforts continue today with issues like pedestrian safety, police accountability and systemic racism.

Whether you plan to oppose a president or simply agitate for a stop light in your neighbourhood, there are lessons to be learned from these stories.

The most successful brand of activism is focused with laser-like precision on specific issues. Activists should arm themselves with a combination of unshakeable facts and stories of those who will be hurt by these policy decisions.

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Most important, work the system. Instead of directing all efforts at the politician at the top of the chain, go to the players who have votes or influence. Let them know they can't hide.

It's not easy. Virtually every activist I've ever talked to — none is a director or president — has said there are times when the odds feel insurmountable. It's exhausting, frustrating and often terrible. But the alternative to activism is unchecked power. And that, I promise, is so much worse.

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"It's a transition, for sure. That was two years of trying to have longer hair and I kind of grew a little attached to it.".
Blue Jay Josh Donaldson has cut his warrior-like locks, just ahead of his appearance on Vikings TV show this Wednesday.

CULTURE

The separation of dog 'parents' can be tough on the pooch too

Sharing Rex with the ex

Tiana Leonty and Jarret Wright have shared custody of their five-year-old dog Rex for a year since their split. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

As Tiana Leonty and Jarret Wright's relationship was ending their biggest concern was "What do we do with Rex?"

The 72-pound German shepherd mix was a handful. Almost five years old and racked with separation anxiety, a condition they expected would only be aggravated by losing a "parent" in a leash tug of war.

They bought him together, trained him together, and adored him together.

"We both loved Rex right away," says Leonty, who, like Wright, grew up with a dog. Rex came into their lives in 2015 as a three-year-old rescue. The Toronto-based actors, who had been living together for two years, broke up just four months after getting the dog and faced the question of what to do with Rex.

"I could not take him from Jarret. It would break my heart," Leonty says. Wright too couldn't part with Rex or take him from Leonty, so the ex-couple decided to "co-parent." instead.

This arrangement could become more commonplace as millennials opt to adopt pets rather than have babies as they delay marriage and home ownership.

Breakups involving pets don't always end this well. A judge in Saskatchewan recently rebuked a childless couple in family court over an application to determine where two of their dogs would stay while the divorce is finalized. The wife asked that the case be treated with a "custody approach" as with kids in a divorce, but the judge decided a "dogs are property" approach was best. In a 15-page decision, the judge recommended the dogs stay with the wife's parents in the interim.

"In Canada, we tend not to purchase our children from breeders," wrote Justice Richard Danyliuk, noting that, while "there is a distinction between animals and inanimate objects, it is also true that both are property and are not dealt with under child custody principles."

At the Toronto Centre for Canine Education, Caryn Liles has counselled clients during pet custody negotiations. She has successfully co-parented a three-legged dog with an ex for 10 years. The dog, Parker, died last year at the age of 14.

"He was a really sensitive dog in a lot of ways but really bombproof in others. He was comfortable going back and forth; he didn't feel uprooted every time," says Liles, who lived a 20-minute streetcar ride from her ex when they shared Parker. Liles often suggests a "trial period" where the "co-parents" try shared custody for a couple of months and then reassess.

"If the dog is experiencing behaviour challenges like reactivity or aggression or general anxiety or separation anxiety, shared custody — the back and forth, the uprooting — can be really traumatic for them," she says.

That's what made Leonty nervous about co-parenting Rex with Wright, who was more adamant that they try joint custody.

"I was worried about Rex because he's a rehab dog and the ideal situation is for the dog to have one owner," says Leonty, repeating the advice of multiple dog trainers. But ultimately, they decided they'd need each other's support in caring for Rex.

"We didn't want to give him up, so we thought we'd do this and see how this works," says Jarret. "It's like sharing a kid."

When they moved out, they decided to live just three blocks apart to make the swapping easy. They didn't draw up any "custody" papers, but soon developed a flexible "3-4/4-3" system: she has Rex for 3 days; he gets Rex for 4, then she for 4 and so on. After one year of co-parenting the arrangement has been a success.

When sharing doesn't work, some people get litigious. That often gains media attention but disputes over animals rarely make it before a judge, says Mike Saini, University of Toronto social work professor and custody evaluator for the Office of the Children's Lawyer.

"Most people can resolve their disputes without the courts," he says. "Family courts are already overtaxed by too many cases. I would rather see these cases be triaged in a different way."

Animal lawyer Suzana Gartner recommends couples formulate some kind of "pet pre-nuptial" agreement and a post-breakup "pet co-ownership agreement" to avoid mediation.

Leonty and Wright aren't thinking about paperwork. After a year of sharing Rex, they've passed the "trial period."

"If a partner comes into the mix, they have to accept the arrangement and the dog," says Wright. "Beyond that they have to accept who my friends are and my ex is one of my closest friends."

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DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS

Life on the front lines of global crises is getting harder

Genna Buck
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Doctors Without Borders — known outside North America as Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) — has had a tough several years.

The organization was left holding the world's (barf) bag as the major clinical provider on the ground during the 2014-2016 Ebola epidemic in West Africa. It's still reeling from the 2015 U.S. airstrike on an MSF hospital in Kunduz, Afghanistan that killed scores of patients and 14 staff.

Meanwhile, the charity that has been the world's hospital for 40 years has taken on the role of the world's ambulance, too, by manning three ships tasked with rescuing desperate, drowning migrants from the Mediterranean.

Metro spoke to Joanne Liu, a Canadian pediatrician and MSF's international president, about her worries and hopes for global health in 2017, and how, despite being neutral, the group has been forced into an activist role.

Joanne Liu, international president of Médecins Sans Frontières, treats patients in South Sudan in 2015. CONTRIBUTED

How bad was 2016 from your vantage point?
It was a tough year. Flouting of international humanitarian law happened over and over again. We pushed for UN resolution 2286 — it was actually passed unanimously and backed by 85 countries — but we didn't have much of a change in the field.

As well 2016 has been a really, really, scandalous year for people who are in forced displacement. States have been flouting their commitment to giving protection to refugees.

Which countries specifically need to shape up?
Collectively, something needs to happen. But the European Union with the EU-Turkey deal is one of the big issues. They have externalized the management of their border to Turkey, which already has three million refugees. They gave (Turkey a deal worth 6 billion Euros) and said "We don't care, just take care of them." Only 70,000 refugees will have access to Europe. This is really outrageous.

As you look into 2017, is the migrant crisis going to be your top issue?
My top priorities are the attack on the medical mission (in Kunduz); the follow-up of that. Second is the forced displacement crisis. Third is legacy of Ebola, and fourth is the antimicrobial resistance crisis.

What are the challenges around Ebola today?
About 15,000 people survived (the 2014-16 outbreak). Survivors are patients. They still carry the virus in their body fluids for a time.

The other part of the legacy is developing tools to fight Ebola if it were to come around again. Ebola was discovered in 1976. (In 2014) it had no vaccine, really, no specific treatment, and no rapid diagnostic test. This showed us the failure of the research and development model, which, today, is driven by market potential. So now a lot of people, we're saying we need tools to respond to potential bio threats. That's going to be the biggest positive legacy of Ebola.

How does the changing political climate affect your work?
It's way too early to say. Does it create uncertainty? Yes. Will it have a rippling effect on Europe? Possibly. What we're concerned about is people looking at everything through the lens of domestic interests. That's very short-sighted. We can't think of our security in isolation of the rest of the world.

When people thought of MSF ten years ago, they weren't thinking of people being rescued from the Mediterranean. What has that been like?
I'm glad that MSF has been able to morph and adapt to the needs of the population in need. This isn't the first time we've done this. When HIV came, we didn't know how to treat it. We developed the know-how as we went along. And I think that's what we're doing as well right now with the forced displacement crisis.

There's increasing rhetoric that refugees and asylum seekers are not legitimate, that they're queue jumpers...
Today, someone who is fleeing for his life is treated as a criminal when he arrives somewhere. Even if we don't think someone is entitled to the label of refugee, they still should be treated with dignity. I think in the 21st century we should be giving dignity to every single human being on earth.

JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Nothing 'ish' about very special episode

On a recent episode of Black-ish, the Johnson family reacts with shock to Donald Trump's win. AP FILE

THE SHOW: Black-ish, Season 3, Episode 12
THE MOMENT: Dre's history lesson

Months after the U.S. elected Donald Trump, Dre Johnson's (Anthony Anderson) ad-agency colleagues can't stop arguing about it. Stevens (Peter Mackenzie) blames black voters. Daphne (Wanda Sykes) blames white women. Dre snorts.

"Why do you not care about our country?" Stevens asks.

"I love this country," Dre replies, "even though at times it doesn't love me back." In the background, Nina Simone begins singing Strange Fruit. Photos of segregation and urban blight fill the screen.

"The system has never worked for most black people," Dre says in voice-over. "But we still tried to do our best, even though we had to live in neighbourhoods you wouldn't drive through. Send our kids to schools with books so beat up you couldn't read them. Work jobs you wouldn't consider.

"I'm used to things not going my way," he sums up. "I'm sorry that you're not and it's blowing your mind."

From the opening shot — the Johnson family reacting with shock to Trump's election — you knew this was a Very Special Episode, the sort of cultural commentary Norman Lear did on All in the Family (rape) and Maude (abortion).

Black-ish creator Kenya Barris is stepping up to be the new Lear — see his prior episode about police shootings of unarmed black men.

Here, he dives deep. I don't have room to quote Dre's whole speech, but it's powerful, culminating in a cri de coeur about slavery.

The episode ends on a call to come together. But Barris has most certainly thrown down a gauntlet about where he's coming from.

Black-ish airs Wednesdays on ABC and City.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

GOSSIP BRIEFS

Ivanka ready to ditch style biz for politics
She may not be working in the White House, but that doesn't mean Ivanka Trump is staying out of politics.

Although she has said she will have no official role in her father's administration, Ivanka Trump has been quietly laying the groundwork for an effort that could make her perhaps the best-connected policy advocate in Washington.

In a Facebook post detailing her next moves, the lifestyle brand mogul thanked people who had reached out on issues and added that she is determining the "most impactful and appropriate ways for me to serve our country." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Eugenie Bouchard is into the second round of the Australian Open after beating Louisa Chirico 6-0, 6-4 on Monday

MLB OBAMA ENDS TERM BY CELEBRATING CUBS' WIN

U.S. President Barack Obama celebrated the World Series champion Chicago Cubs on Monday and spoke about the power sports has to unite people. "It is a game and celebration," he said. The White House event came four days before Obama hands the presidency over to Donald Trump following one of the most divisive elections in recent memory.

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Jose to stay, but there are consequences

Richard Griffin

It seems the Jose Bautista Era will continue in Toronto, for at least one more season.

And as the final details of Bautista's reported free-agent deal with the Blue Jays are being worked out — a one-year contract with a mutual option for another, according to Fox Sports' Ken Rosenthal — fan reaction is split. If the deal is worth as much as $40 million over two seasons, who wins? And can it be argued that both the Jays and Bautista are losers?

Both sides clearly miscalculated the market. An example, the Jays made what turned out to be the best offer to first baseman/designated hitter Edwin Encarnacion right after the World Series, then backed away from the table and signed the inferior Kendrys Morales. They weren't around when Encarnacion's demands came after he explored a disappointing market. His emotions seemed mixed at his Indians introduction.

As for Bautista, maybe he shouldn't have made a "take-it-or-leave-it" demand last February when Jays president Mark Shapiro and general manager Ross Atkins brought him in to discuss his future during the NBA all-star week in Toronto. Now, two months after he turned down a $17.2-million qualifying offer for one season, he's back. Discuss.

Home runs are no longer the big-money magnet they used to be. Hitting home runs and stupid free-agent money is all about timing. Bautista, in November, believed he would cash in for four or five years, and at least $25 million per. So he turned down the Jays and his agent, Jay Alou, started making calls.

In hindsight, Bautista always seemed limited in terms of free-agent options. He was on the disabled list twice in 2016, and was held to 116 games and 22 homers, and he hobbled defensively. That created the perception he had to be a DH, eliminating the 15 National League teams. Other teams — like the Orioles, Rangers and Royals — made it personal.

Here's the win/win. If the contract does indeed include a mutual option, Bautista will be able to opt out and once again be able to test the market without the albatross of draft-pick compensation. Assuming a healthy Bautista hits 35 homers and drives in 110 runs, with an OPS around .900, those are the numbers he can sell for a lucrative final deal.

Bautista's return is important to fans and to any consideration of being a true AL contender.

The Jays sold out 41 regular-season home games and all five post-season dates in 2016.

If the upcoming season heads south by July, fans will be ready to abandon ship if they don't believe every effort is being made by ownership to reward their loyalty.

Bautista gives them a better chance to compete and sell a third contending season.

Richard Griffin is a baseball columnist with the Toronto Star

SAUNDERS OUT

Outfielder Michael Saunders and the Philadelphia Phillies have reportedly agreed on a $9 million, one-year contract.

NBA

Wasteful Knicks pay against hot Hawks

17-9

On Martin Luther King Jr. Day the Hawks improved to 17-9 with seven straight victories. The Knicks fell to 20-11, with a two-game winning streak snapped.

Dennis Schroder gave the Atlanta Hawks the lead and the New York Knicks had three chances to take it back.

Derrick Rose, Carmelo Anthony and Joakim Noah, who they hoped would be the backbone of a contending team, all failed from inside a few feet.

"When things are not going your way, sometimes they go all the way left," Anthony said.

Schroder scored 28 points, including the go-ahead 3-pointer with 22 seconds left, to lead the Hawks to a 108-107 victory on Monday. Tim Hardaway Jr. added 20 points and Paul Millsap had 17 for the Hawks, who won for the ninth time in 10 games to reach the midpoint of their schedule at 24-17. "Guys got heart on this team," said Millsap, who blocked Rose's shot on a drive to the basket before Anthony missed a fairly easy follow. "When you compete good things happen."

Anthony scored 30 points for the Knicks, who changed their lineup but it wasn't good enough as they lost for the 11th time in 13 games. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL

Jets' skid rolls on after Shark attack

Joel Ward scored a short-handed goal and took a hard hit to assist on Timo Meier's goal, helping the San Jose Sharks beat the Winnipeg Jets 5-2 on Monday for just their third win in eight games.

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Brent Burns and Chris Tierney also scored and Joe Thornton had an empty-netter as the Sharks bounced back nicely from a 4-0 home loss to St. Louis on Saturday. Martin Jones made 26 saves, allowing two late goals after the game had been decided. Josh Morrissey broke up the shutout with 2:36 to play and Mark Scheifele added a goal in the final minute after Jones tried to shoot the puck toward the empty net but hit Scheifele instead.

Michael Hutchinson made 27 saves for the Jets, who have dropped four in a row.

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IN BRIEF

McIlroy out of Abu Dhabi event due to rib injury

Rory McIlroy has withdrawn from the Abu Dhabi Championship this week because of a rib injury.

The European Tour said on Monday that second-ranked McIlroy underwent tests after he was injured during the SA Open and they revealed a stress fracture. McIlroy said it was "bitterly disappointing" and "really annoying" to miss the tournament, which has the best field of the season on the European Tour.

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Ivory Coast's big names fail to break down Togo

Ivory Coast's Europe-based stars stumbled in the heat of northern Gabon in their African Cup of Nations opener, with the defending champion held by Togo to 0-0 on Monday in another twist to start the tournament.

Ivory Coast created few clear chances against Togo, with Wilfried Zaha's blocked shot in the second half after a clever run probably its best.

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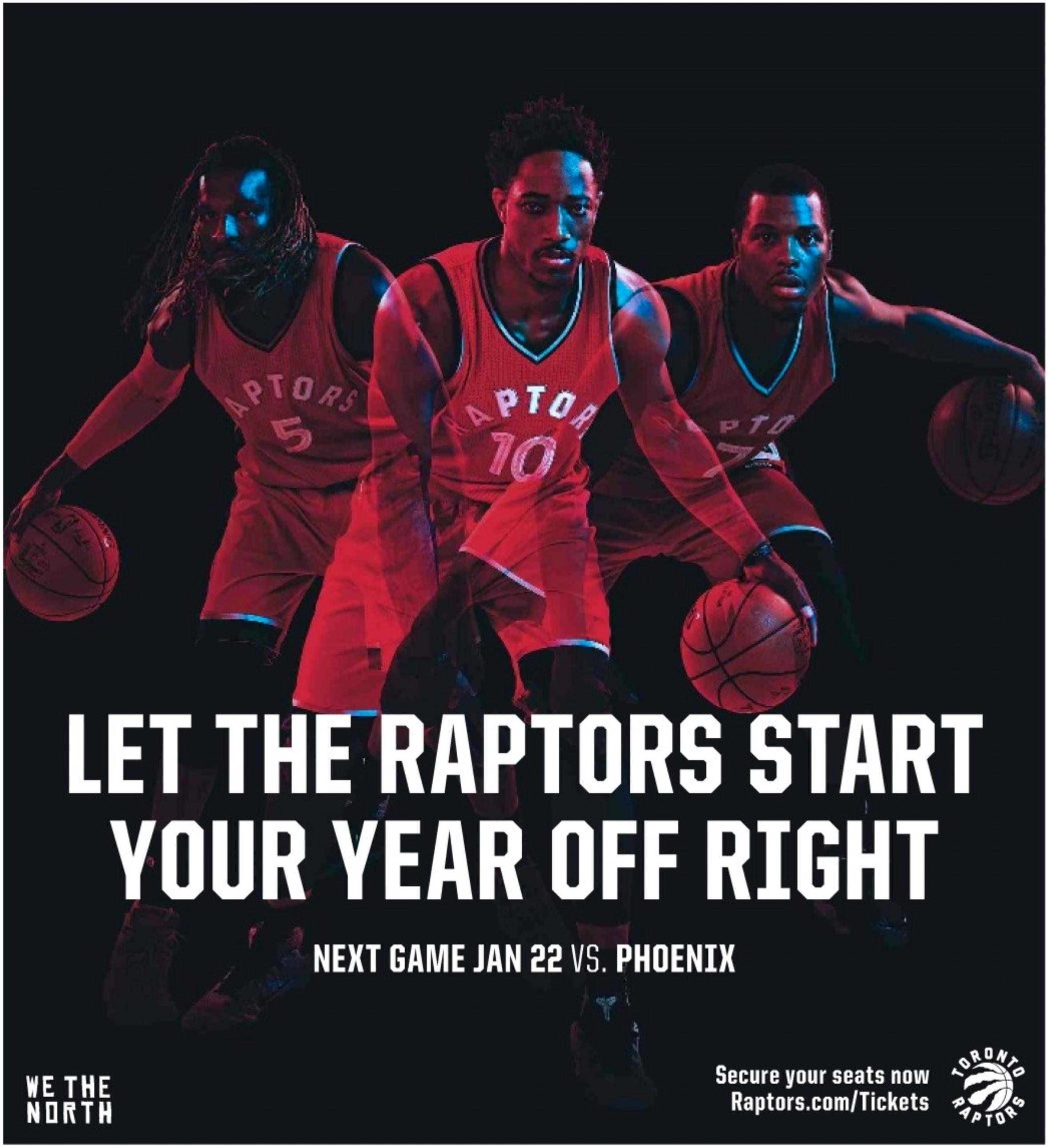

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Steelers' hopes rest on Big Ben

AFC CHAMPIONSHIP

Pittsburgh will need star QB at his best to topple Pats

The New England Patriots got a break by not having to face Ben Roethlisberger during their regular-season win over the Steelers in October.

The Patriots' coaching staff is expecting to get his best this time around with a trip to the Super Bowl at stake.

The 27-16 home loss to New England was the only game the Steelers' 34-year-old quarterback missed due to injury this season.

He was away less than a month after undergoing surgery to repair the meniscus in his left knee Oct. 17. He was also among several Pittsburgh players that sat out the regular-season finale against the Browns to rest.

> **Roethlisberger right now (is) very mobile, very healthy.**
> Matt Patricia, Patriots defensive coordinator

Backup quarterback Landry Jones was serviceable in just his third career start in Roethlisberger's absence.

The Steelers outgained the Patriots 375-362, but were 1 for 4 in the red zone and Jones finished with only one touchdown and an interception.

Pittsburgh is expecting, and will need a stronger performance from the quarterback position this time around.

Coach Bill Belichick said Monday that Big Ben's return makes the Steelers' primary offensive options — running back Le'Veon Bell and receiver Antonio Brown — only that much harder to contend with. Bell rushed for 81 yards in the first meeting and Brown had seven catches for 106 yards.

"They're a tremendous offence. Kansas City was able to make some plays in the red area, but I mean (the Steelers) could've easily been up in the 40s," Belichick said.

"They do a lot of things well; can run it, can throw it. Brown's the main guy, but all of the receivers, tight ends, backs, I mean they're all a problem."

The Chiefs may have planted the seed for how to keep Roethlisberger out of the end zone, however.

The Steelers were held without a touchdown in Sunday's 18-16 divisional-round win over Kansas City. They also ranked 12th in the NFL during the regular season in red zone efficiency, scoring a touchdown on 59 per cent of the trips inside the 20-yard line. They were 0 for 5 in their trips against Kansas City.

Roethlisberger had 13 touchdowns and only three interceptions in the red zone in 14 regular-season games.

But so far in the playoffs, Big Ben has just two total passing touchdowns and three interceptions.

Still, the Steelers coaching staff's trust in him to throw the deep ball is something that will be a point of emphasis this week, Patriots defensive coordinator Matt Patricia said.

In particular he said Roethlisberger's calm in the pocket and his offensive line's ability to protect him helps him buy time to improvise.

"If those plays can get extended or prolonged, that's when it becomes really difficult," Patricia said. "I think Roethlisberger right now (is) very mobile, very healthy, a guy that showed even again (Sunday night) that just a slight bit of movement or a slight bit of ability to maybe evade the rush, or stand in there just a little bit longer gives his guys enough time to get open in those situations."

Ben Roethlisberger led the Steelers to an 18-16 win over the Kansas City Chiefs in a divisional round playoffs on Sunday. MATTHEW STOCKMAN/GETTY IMAGES

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NFC CHAMPIONSHIP

Injury-hampered Jones in Falcons lineup for conference title game

Don't fret, Atlanta Falcons fans.

Julio Jones will be ready to go in the NFC championship game.

Coach Dan Quinn insisted Monday that his All-Pro receiver will be in the lineup when the Falcons play for a spot in the Super Bowl against Aaron Rodgers and the Green Bay Packers, despite a lingering foot injury that limited Jones in the second half of a divisional-round victory.

Jones wasn't in the locker room for media availability following the 36-20 triumph over the Seattle Seahawks, leading to speculation that the injury might be more serious than the Falcons were letting on.

But Quinn did his best to put all that to rest.

"We'll limit him throughout the week, and then as the week progresses, we'll get him a little more at the end," the coach said. "That's the plan from last week. That will be the plan moving forward for us. He's excited to play."

Jones dealt with foot issues through much of the regular season, even sitting out a couple of games. Quinn initially called the condition "turf toe" — a potentially serious condition involving a sprain of ligaments around the big toe — but later said it was just a simple sprain.

Julio Jones GETTY IMAGES

Even though Jones was sidelined for a significant part of the second half against the Seahawks, he had his way against cornerback Richard Sherman and finished with a team-high six receptions for 67 yards, including a 7-yard touchdown.

The Falcons (12-5) will be hosting the NFC championship game for only the second time in the franchise's 51-year history.

Four years ago, Atlanta was the conference's top seed but squandered a 17-point lead against the San Francisco 49ers, who held on for a 28-24 win and a trip to the Super Bowl. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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MAKE IT TONIGHT

Elevated Shrimp and Orzo Skillet Dinner

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Pantry staples help elevate this easy shrimp skillet dish featuring a zest sauce with tomatoes and balsamic vinegar.

Ready in 30 minutes
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 1 Tbsp (15 ml) olive oil
- 1 onion, diced
- 3 cloves of garlic, minced
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) dried oregano
- 2 cups (500 ml) vegetable stock
- 1 x 14 oz (414 ml) can of diced tomatoes
- 1/3 cup (80 ml) balsamic vinegar
- salt and pepper
- 1 cup (250 ml) orzo
- 1 lb (450 g) cleaned, deveined shrimp
- big handful of fresh basil, sliced
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) feta, crumbled

Directions

1. In a large skillet, sautée onion and garlic in oil over medium heat until they smell great and soften up. Add the oregano and cook for another minute. Pour in stock, vinegar and tomatoes and taste for seasoning. Add salt and pepper.

2. Add the orzo and allow everything to simmer for 15 minutes.

3. Drop in your shrimp and cook for another 3 to 5 minutes, or until the shrimp turn pink and opaque. Sprinkle basil and feta over top and serve.

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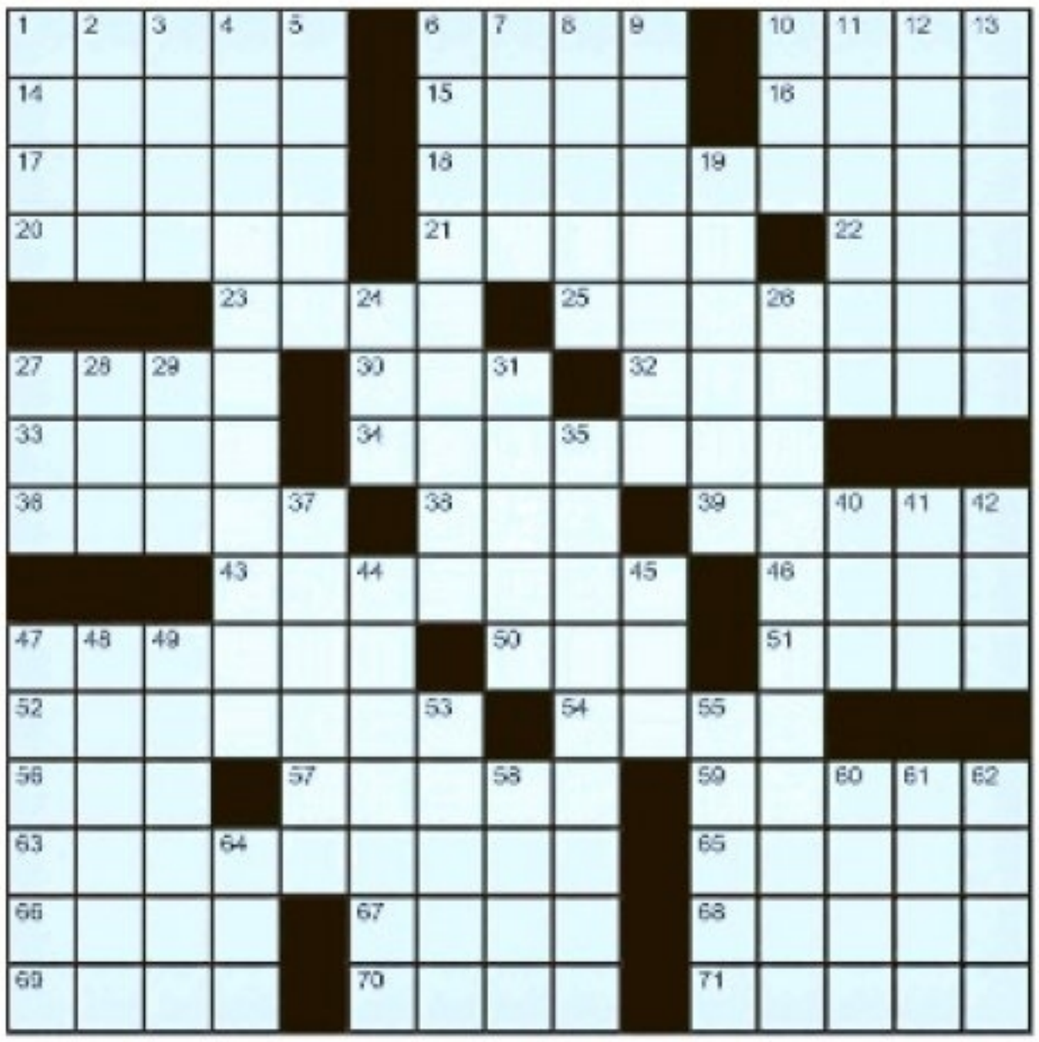

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1. Sports car power booster, hip-style
6. 'Demo' suffix (Politician sort)
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15. Comb's comb-ee
16. Bonds
17. Rover
18. Arf! Terrier types
20. Result
21. Boeotian Muse of memory
22. WNW's opposite
23. Canadian literary critic Northrop
25. Country legend Ms. West's
27. Ritzy ride
30. Antiquity
32. Surnamesakes of "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly" (1966) director Sergio
33. Completed
34. Appease the audience
36. Pounds, as hail
38. Not 'their'
39. Powerful tennis shot
43. Sporting dog, English Springer __
46. Peter Gabriel's "In __ Eyes"
47. Give the patrons a better table
50. Rocker Mr. Snider
51. Slaloms
52. From one side only, in law: 2 wds.
54. The Queen, less formally
56. Feathery fashion
57. Ms. Blair
59. "Beverly Hills, 90210" character
63. Speaks to the crowd
65. 'Affirm' suffix (Giving assent)
66. Wed's calendar predecessor
67. The Jackson 5 member
68. Use a landline
69. Gas station name
70. Visible
71. Precept

DOWN
1. Composer's creation
2. Stratford-__-Avon
3. Spinning stats
4. Arctic body of water: 2 wds.
5. Choose a restaurant dish
6. Lizard with many looks
7. "__ Man" (1988) starring Tom Cruise and Dustin Hoffman
8. Showed TV shows
9. Vibration in music
10. "Let's call __ __ day."
11. Board the bus as a bunch: 2 wds.
12. "__ __ Rider" by Eric Burdon & The Animals
13. Evaluate
19. Dissuades
24. "You got it."
26. Canadian design expert whose great-grandfather Conn is an Honoured Member of the Hockey Hall of Fame and also has an NHL trophy named after him: 2 wds.
27. Chop off
28. Beatles: "__ Got a Feeling"
29. Crooner Mr. Torme
31. Stonehenge ritualist
35. Square and Compasses secret member
37. Scant
40. Hunky-dory
41. __ generis (Unique, in Latin)
42. Puny day parts
44. Bears witness
45. Ms. Michele
47. Discount
48. Departure led by Moses in the Old Testament
49. "Ace of __" by Motorhead
53. Vintage dairy products cow
55. Modify
58. Apportion
60. Canadian dollar bird, Common __
61. "Rule, Britannia" composer
62. Moscow nope
64. '70s record label

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Today the Moon is 180 degrees opposite your sign, which means you have to cooperate with others. This is not a big deal. It just requires a little patience and tolerance.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Today you want to be efficient in everything. This is why you might be impatient with others if they get in your way. Be careful that your impatience doesn't create more problems!

Gemini May 22 - June 21
This is a playful day. You are in touch with your creative vibes. Enjoy sports events, social outings and fun activities with children.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
A conversation with a female family member might be significant today. In any event, you will want to cocoon at home, if possible.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Short trips, conversations with others and a busy to-do list will keep you on the go today. It's a strong day for writers and people in sales, marketing, teaching and acting.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Avoid disputes about money and cash flow today, because they might arise. Nevertheless, your focus is on financial matters, shopping and earning money.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Today the Moon is in your sign, which gives you a slight advantage over all the other signs. Use this if you can; it happens for two days every month.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You might prefer to work alone or behind the scenes today, even though this is a busy time for you. This is an ideal day to catch your breath and get some perspective.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
A conversation with a female acquaintance could be important today. Why not share your future goals with this person to get her feedback?

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Personal details about your private life might become public today, because the Moon is high in your chart. Just go with the flow — you can handle this.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Today you want to do something different to break up your routine. That's because you want a little adventure and a chance to learn something new. Good luck!

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Shared property, taxes, debt, inheritances and insurance issues might be your focus today. Wrap up loose details in these areas, if you can.

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